



NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006 BOOTH DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Canopin called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. The packets for each Board member containing reports of the emergency service agencies and legislators, and other items necessary to complete the evening's agenda were distributed prior to beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mason Aiona, Dean Asahina, James Bannan, Al Canopin, Richard Carreira, Heather Crislip, Audrey Hidano, Phillip Nerney, Remy Luria, Jay (appointed at this meeting), Wendy Ogawa (7:27 p.m.), Patt Spencer, Sylvia Young (7:27 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paula Kurashige.

GUESTS: Carl Middleton (Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13), Wallace and Marva Zoller, Geri Cole, Mel Batad, Maj. Kurt Kendro and Sgt. David Yomes (Honolulu Police Department – District 5), Lt. Kau, Sgt. Lau, Officer Robert Oakes (Honolulu Police Department – District 1), John Harrison, Paul Wessel, Charles Holani, Robert Lum, Gail Haraguchi (Mayor's Representative) Captain David Yamada (Honolulu Fire Department) Vanessa Matautia (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

VACANCIES:

Subdistrict 1 - one seat – Chair Canopin announced that Leimamo Kapea had resigned creating the vacancy. No interested candidates were present.

Subdistrict 3 - one seat – Jay Fidel, a resident of Subdistrict 3, expressed interest for filling the vacancy. A resident of Nuuanu, Mr. Fidel is an attorney practicing business law for Bendet, I, Sakai & Lee since 1986. Mr. Fidel has served on numerous community boards and most recently is the host of "Thinktech Hawaii" on Hawaii Public Radio.

The Board motioned by Spencer and seconded by Aiona who voted unanimously to appoint Jay Fidel into the Subdistrict 3 seat.

FIRE AND POLICE:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) Captain David Yamada from the Nuuanu Fire Station gave the following report:

1. Last month, the Nuuanu Fire Station responded no fires, 21 medical emergencies, 8 miscellaneous calls and 4 auto accidents.
2. **FIRE SAFETY TIP:** August is the start of a new school year. Be careful while driving near schools and be aware of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 911 for emergencies.
3. Reported the following in response to last month's meeting:
 - a. Regarding Young's question about the crash on Lusitana Street involving a car and a City bus, Capt. Yamada stated that 3 units (Kuakini, Central and Nuuanu Fire Station) reported to the crash site. The driver in the sedan had his legs pinned and "jaws of life" was needed to extricate him from the vehicle.
 - b. Regarding Kurashige's question regarding the information need by EMS, a form was given which could be filled out and sent back to EMS. A card with your information would be sent



back to you in order to keep with you but information would be kept within EMS records in case of an emergency. This information will provide pertinent data such as certain medical problems and special medications.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Carreira asked if HFD was still involved with installing blue reflectors on the roads that would indicate where a fire hydrant was because on Prospect Street, it is very hard to see because of parked cars and trash that obscure it from sight. Capt. Yamada reported that the Department of Facility Maintenance-Road Division handles the task.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD):

District 1, Honolulu: Lt. Norman Kau, Sgt. Lau, Officer Robert Oakes gave the following report:

1. Lt. Norman Kau introduced himself as the new commander for the Third Watch for District 1.
2. Statistics for District 1 during July were no robberies, 2 burglaries, 8 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle, 3 auto thefts, 1 simple assault, 21 motor vehicle collisions, and 1 drug offense.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Carreira commented that at the Kamamau Park near Royal School, there has been an increase in the homeless who hang out and make it unwelcome for the children in the area to use the park facilities. Officer Oaks stated that the park was not in his district but that HPD was aware of the increase of this individuals in the area and that have responded on several occasions.
2. Nerney questioned if it was a problem having six officers at a Board meeting in order to cover the Board meetings. Lt. Kau reported that they don't stay very long and attending the meetings allows for the Police to gain information on the concerns of the community.
3. Aiona questioned the policy on allowing solo bike officers to speed along the Highway shoulder lanes. While on H-1 going east bound, Aiona believed that the solo bike officers were speeding excessively and should show some restraint. Officer Yomes reported that solo bike officers use the shoulder lanes without putting the lights and siren because it becomes a safety issue as motorists tend to become dangerous. The solo bike officers use the shoulder lane in order to get to the scene of an incident faster than what a patrol car could get to immediately.

District 5, Kalihi: Major (Maj) Kurt Kendro, Sgt. David Yomes gave the following report:

1. Maj. Kurt Kendro introduced himself to the Board as the new Major for District 5 since March 2006. He reported that HPD had implemented their new schedule from their 3/12 time (3 days with 12 hour shifts) schedule to the newly appointed 5/8 (5 days with 8 hour shifts) schedule. Maj. Kendro also reported that HPD are allowed by law to have the solo bike officers ride along the shoulder lane.
2. Sgt. Yomes reported the statistics for District 5 during July were 1 burglary, 18 thefts, 20 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, 1 motor vehicle theft, 1 assault, 6 property damages, 1 drug offense, 1 family offense, 2 DUI's, 18 motor vehicle collisions and 7 arguments.
3. Highlights for the area included a fatality earlier in the day at 4:15 p.m. on Pali Highway in the Kailua bound lanes. A motorcyclist changed lanes and struck the back of a truck and was pronounced dead at the scene. Sgt. Yomes reported that HPD had closed the Kailua bound lanes of the Pali Highway for a total of 10-15 minutes before opening one lane to traffic. Traffic was rerouted to Old Pali Road and HPD was able to collect pertinent information into the investigation of the accident.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Nerney commented on the protocol of traffic officers who report to traffic incidents behaving in a lax behavior while many motorists are stuck in traffic. Maj. Kendro reported that officers were reminded to work with professionalism and the chief had commented that they clean up traffic accident sites as quickly as possible while providing accurate and sensitive service.
2. Fidel inquired about what residents could do if they had information regarding a suspicious vehicle in the area that seems to be 'casing houses'. He said that there was a suspicious black truck that many were unaware of its intentions. Maj. Kendro stated that Mr. Fidel and other residents could call 911 and state that it was a non-emergency but a police officer would be sent to the home to take the information down. Residents could also call the desk sergeant on duty at (808) 529-3995 and leave the information there. Maj. Kendro also stated that the Neighborhood Security Watch should be contacted. Mr. Fidel also asked about the Neighborhood Security Watch signs in the area and asked if there was an opportunity for them to replace the old signs. Maj. Kendro reported that if they called 842-7737, which was the Department of Facility Maintenance, they could change it.
3. Luria questioned HPD's ability to work on accident scenes and quickly gathering information in order to clear traffic. He specifically commented on the traffic that occurred from HPD's closure of Pali Highway. Officer Yomes commented that the officers on the scene worked as quickly as possible but stated that Officers must remain sensitive to the case and that they must provide a thorough investigation.

Recess was taken at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

U.S. Congressional Seats

U.S. Congressional was invited to the group at the request of the Board.

U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka – Mr. John Komichi represented Sen. Akaka and presented details on the Senator's personal life and history as a public servant. The Board and guests asked several questions relating to the Senator's voting in Congress and commented on several issues in the area.

U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie – Chair Canopin reported that Rep. Abercrombie sends his regrets as he was called to union talks in Philadelphia.

U.S. Representative Ed Case – Chair Canopin reported that Rep. Case sends his regrets as he was in attendance at a candidate's forum at the State Capitol.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2006 The following corrections were made:

- Page 2, under #1, delete "Board member Spencer" and input "Chair Al Canopin".
- Page 3, under Neighborhood Security Watch, Lori M's last name is spelled "Manton"
- Page 3, under Neighborhood Security Watch, Spencer had stated that she was not familiar with the problems in the area and would not be a good candidate for Neighborhood Security Watch representative.
- Page 3, under Neighborhood Security Watch, please add "and in Pauoa" after "in Pacific Heights" and before "are similar".
- Page 5, under #2, delete "Chair Canopin" and replace with "Mayor's representative Gail Haraguchi".
- Page 5, under #3 delete "and Luria asked why the"
- Page 6, #1 under Questions, comments and concerns; please delete "Rep. Luke commented that the study would mean a decriminalization of marijuana but it still does not answer the problem that ice is a drug readily made from an assortment of items."

The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board as corrected with and Carreira abstaining.

A motion to contact the Mayor's representative, Gail Haraguchi, and request a Town Meeting with City Officials in order to review major issues within the Nuuanu-Punchbowl-Pauoa neighborhood was made by I and seconded by Nerney. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

1. Chair Canopin defers all other Board business and adjourns the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Reviewed by:

Chair Al Canopin

Submitted by:

Vanessa Matautia
Neighborhood Assistant